

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Briefly, the Office Action contained a Restriction Requirement that classified the claims into four groups:

Group I: Claims 1-4, drawn to a method for establishing a genomic interaction map to compare physiological and pathophysiological processes, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

Group II: Claims 1-10, drawn to a method for establishing a proteomic interaction map to compare physiological and pathophysiological processes, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1

Group III: Claim 11, drawn to a method for identifying a previously unknown (orphan) receptor or activating ligand, classified in class 435, subclass 7.8.

Group IV: Claim 12, drawn to a method for identifying epitopes to serve as markers for a disease by immunostaining tissue exposed to redox conditions, classified in class 435, subclass 40.52.

In response to the March 19, 2003 Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect **Group II, claims 1-10**, for further prosecution with traverse. The Restriction Requirement is traversed because it would not be an undue burden for the USPTO to examine all of the claims. The groups are classified into the same class and subclass, and Group I and Group II share common claims -- claims 1-4. Further, since both Group I and Group II methods may be used to compare physiological and pathophysiological processes, the inclusion of a method for establishing both a genomic interaction map and a proteomic interaction map would not be an undue burden. For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

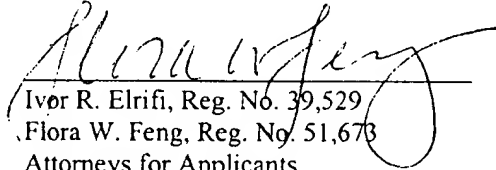
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application complies with 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Applicants believe no further fee is due at this time; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference Number: 24862-503 (Customer Number: 35437).

If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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